CAPTAIN J. H. ESTES.

[To accompany Joint Resolution No. 37.]

APRIL 20, 1860.

Mr. S. Moore, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Captain J. H. Estes, have had the same under consideration, and report:

The evidence shows that the petitioner, in the absence of proper and sufficient mail facilities between Vicksburg, in the State of Mississippi, and Ashton, in the State of Louisiana, did, for a considerable period of time between the years 1849 and 1854 inclusive, carry and deliver the United States mails between the said points, and supply with mail matter several intermediate points along the said route. Your committee, however, have not the means of properly estimating the value of the services rendered by the petitioner, but think he should be compensated therefor, and should be settled with upon principles of equity and justice. They therefore report the accompanying joint resolution, and recommend its passage.